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**REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORMS PTO-1449**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 6, 2006

Sir:

Information Disclosure Statements were filed on **June 10, 2004** and **July 20, 2004**. A copy of each Information Disclosure Statements is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanies the Information Disclosure Statements, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions concerning this Request.

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July 20, 2004

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached, together with a copy of a Search Report issued in corresponding European Patent Application No. 03257712.4.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the above-captioned application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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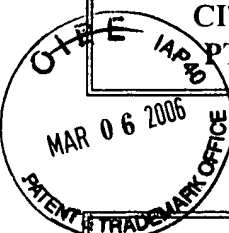
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